(*a*) Yes

(*b*) The following are the details of the incentives extended to farmers participating in the special programme to off-set the fall in food production in Thanjavur District as well as other districts of Tamil Nadu due to the failure of North East Monsoon :—

(1) Assured supply of electricity for not less than six hours during the day times, besides the normal supplies available during the night;

(2) Assured credit facilities through Co-operatives;

(3) Adequate and timely supply of fertilizers;

(4) Timely supply of plant protection chemicals to control pests and diseases; and

(5) Exemption from levy system for those who raise summer paddy crop.

இணைப்பு II.

(25-ம் பக்கத்தில் 674 ஆம் எண்ணுள்ள வெள்ளிக்குறியிட்ட வினாவிற்குரிய விடையைக் காண்க.)

(*a*) Yes. The Government have already passed order to create a fertiliser fund out of any income accruing from the sale of fertilisers.

(*b*) According to the G. O. the funds and the interest thereon will be utilised for the following purposes :—

(i) Production of enriched organic manures and pesticides, which are now in short supply for distribution to farmers;

(ii) Development of Mechanical compost in Urban areas for the use of Cultivators;

(iii) Production of fertilisers in Mini-Fertiliser Plants, not requiring Naphtha as feed stock, to make good the short fall in the supply of the fertilisers sorely needed by the farmers; and

(iv) Increasing agricultural productivity in general of the Farms in the State.